

PATENT

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Applicant: Lorenz RATKE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1796

Examiner: Chun Cheng Wang

Title: PRODUCTION OF AEROGELS CONTAINING FILLERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2009, Applicants herewith submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

- Amendments to the Specification;
- Amendments to the Abstract;
- Amendments to the Claims;
- Amendments to the Drawings;
- Remarks**